Kuttoor Bridge.

295. *MR. S. NARAYANA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether representations have been received from the people of Paravoor, Quilon, by the Government or the P. W. D., praying that the Kuttoor bridge be repaired and made traffic-worthy; and

(*b*) whether any action has been taken in the matter?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: (*a*) No.

(*b*) An estimate for renewing the platform was sanctioned, but the same is undergoing revision as on dismantling the platform, it was found that the C. I. piles below the water level are considerably damaged. A temporary ferry service is being conducted at the place.

Puthenkadavu in Paravoor.

296. *MR. S. NARAYANA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether representations have been made by the people of Paravoor, Quilon, praying that the *Puthankadavu* be repaired; and

(*b*) whether any action has been taken in the matter?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Estimate for the work was prepared but the scheme has not been worked out as the owners of the lands required were unwilling to surrender them free of cost.

Audit of the Ceramic Factory.

297. *MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Ceramic Factory was audited in 1114 and 1115; and

(*b*) if so, the result of the audit?

MR. R. RAMA VARIER (*Deputy Accountant-General in charge of the duties of the Financial Secretary*): (*a*) Yes, in 1115.

(*b*) Certain defects were noticed in audit. Action has been taken to rectify them.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: With reference to answer to part (*b*) may I know what is the nature of the defects and what action was taken to rectify them?

MR. R. RAMA VARIER: All the necessary registers had not been opened or completed. Instructions were issued to open and complete the registers. Then again sufficient details were not being furnished in the measurement books. In this connection I may say that the Ceramic Expert had no competent Accountants with him at the time. Government have since, as desired by him, appointed competent and trained Accountants for the Ceramic Factory.

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